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BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

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THE LIGHT!

IT'S
SUDDENLY
EVERY-
WHERE...

...FLOOD-
ING THESE
MANHATTAN
STREETS...
BRIGHTER
THAN THE
MORNING
SUN!

AND THOSE
GATHERED
HERE-- WHO,
MOMENTS
BEFORE,
WERE PRE-
PARING FOR
THE FINAL
BATTLE IN
A GRISLY
WAR THAT
HAS BEEN
TEARING
THIS CITY
APART FOR
DAYS...



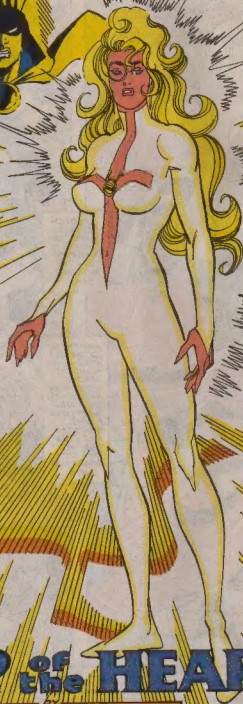
...STOP DEAD
IN THEIR TRACKS...

...AWESTRUCK...
OVERWHELMED... BY A
SIGHT THAT CAN ONLY
BE CALLED...

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...MIRACULOUS!

MAXIMUM CARNAGE
Part Thirteen:



WAR of the HEART!

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NO! IT CAN'T BE!
I KILLED
HER!

I KILLED
HER!!

DON'T GET
ME WRONG,
DAGGER--
I MEAN I'M
HAPPY TSEE
YOU AND
ALL--

-- BUT...
AH...
SHRIEK'S
RIGHT.
YOU'RE--

DEAD?
I SUP-
POSE I
WAS...
IN A
SENSE.

SHRIEK'S ATTACK
SOMEHOW CAUSED MY
LIGHT-POWERS TO...
FEED BACK. CONSUME
ME... TRANSFORM ME.

I LITERALLY...
BECAME THE
LIGHT.

BUT THE
ENERGY WAS
TOO MUCH
FOR ME TO
CONTAIN I...
EXPLODED. *
MY VERY
ESSENCE UN-
RAVELED--

ANOTHER FEW SECONDS AND
I WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD,
LESS THAN DEAD: SCATTERED
FOREVER... ON THE NIGHT
WINDS. BUT I FOUND REFUGE--

-- WITHIN CLOAK.
I DREW MY FRAGMENT-
ING CONSCIOUSNESS
INTO HIS CAPE--

-- DRIFTING THERE,
ALL THIS TIME, IN THE
DARK DIMENSION--

IT WAS ONLY MY DEEP CON-
NECTION TO TY... THE LOVE
THAT BINDS US... THAT KEPT
ME SANE. GAVE ME THE
STRENGTH TO HANG ON--

"-- LITERALLY
PULL MYSELF
BACK TOGETHER."

" WITHOUT
HIM... WITH-
OUT OUR
LOVE FOR
EACH OTHER...
I WOULD HAVE
BEEN LOST."

NONONO
NONO!!

I WAS IN THERE!
IT'S HORRIBLE!
HORRIBLE! NOTH-
ING CAN HELP YOU!
NOTHING CAN
SAVE YOU!

LOVE
LEAST OF
ALL!

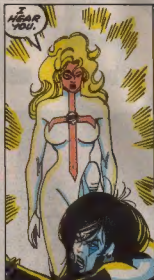
"MOTHER"...
PLEASE-- DON'T
UPSET YOURSELF
LIKE THIS! I--

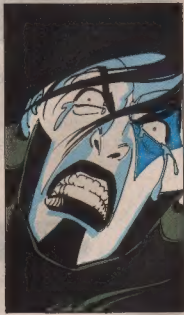
GET THIS
STRAIGHT,
CARRION--

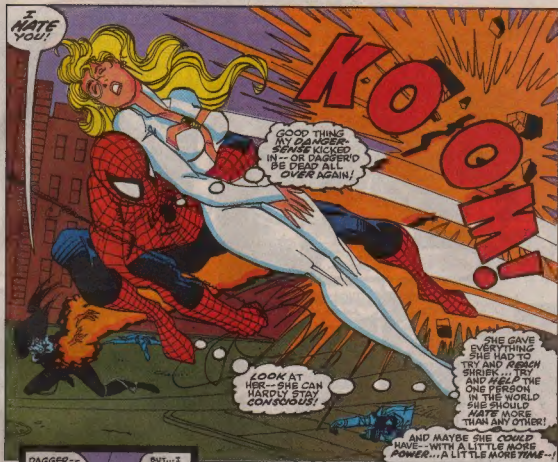
I AM
NOT
YOUR MOTHER!!

SHRAAK!











...HELLO,
DEAR,
HOW'RE
YOU FEEL-
ING?

DISGUSTING.

SOUNDS
RIGHT.

Y'KNOW, I WAS
GETTING WORRIED
ABOUT YOU FOR A
MINUTE THERE--

LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE
GOING TO SWITCH SIDES--



SHE SHOWED ME SOMETHING...
INSIDE MYSELF... THAT I
HAVEN'T SEEN FOR SO LONG--

WELL, AT LEAST YOU
CAME TO YOUR SENSES.

YOU DID COME TO
YOUR SENSES,
DIDN'T YOU?

O-OF COURSE.
I... I WON'T
BE FOOLED
BY HER--



--OR BY ANY
OF THOSE WHITE
HATS!

I'VE BEEN
LIED TO... ONE
TOO MANY
TIMES!

GOOOOOD!



THEN--WE'RE A
HAPPY DYSFUNCTIONAL
FAMILY AGAIN!

WHICH MEANS WE
CAN GO MASSACRE
THOSE SELF-RIGHTEOUS
PEACOCKS AND GET
ON WITH OUR--

WHAT?!!



THEY--

--RAN
AWAY?!!

THEY
RAN
AWAY!!

HAHAHAHA

NOT ALL
OF US
CARNAGE--

HUN?!!

THE OTHERS
MIGHT'VE DECIDED
THAT YOU WERE
TOO MUCH TO
HANDLE--

--BUT
SPIDER-MAN'S
NO QUITTER!

AND MAYBE
THIS IS THE WAY
IT SHOULD BE--
JUST ME... ALONE
AGAINST THE
FOUR OF YOU,

AFTER ALL,
I'M THE ONE
WHO'S STOPPED
YOU BEFORE--

--AND I'M THE
ONE WHO'S GONNA
PUT YOU AWAY
AGAIN!

YOU MAY HAVE PUT THE REST
OF MY FAMILY AWAY-- BUT
YOU'VE NEVER STOPPED
ME! AND I'M GOING TO--

SHUT UP, SHARK!
AFTER THE PATHETIC
DISPLAY YOU PUT ON
TODAY I DON'T WANT
TO HEAR ANOTHER
WORD OUT OF YOU!

CONSIDERING
THE WAY YOU
CARRIED ON
WHEN FIRE-
STAR NEARLY
FRIED YOU--

--YOU'VE
GOT A LOT
OF NERVE
TALKING TO
ME LIKE
THAT--

WHY
DON'T YOU
BOTH SHUT
YOUR
MOUTHS--

* LAST ISSUE
--PG. 8

--AND GET
TO THE
BUSINESS
AT HAND--

EASIER
SAID THAN DONE,
DEMOGOBLIN!

KOOOM!

KOOOM!

I'M BREAK-
ING UP THIS
SICK LITTLE
"FAMILY" OF
YOURS--

--STARTING WITH
YOUR PATHETIC
"FATHER"!!

THOOOM!

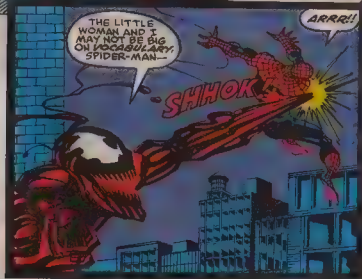
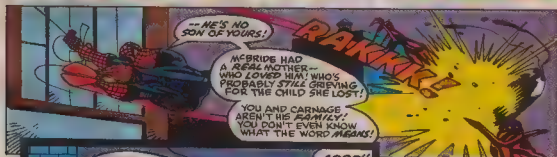
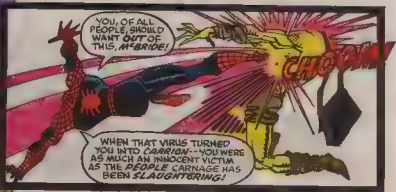
THE
MURDER
OF SPIDER-
MAN!

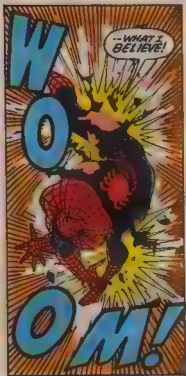
THAT'S
YOUR LAST
SHOT, SPID-
STER--

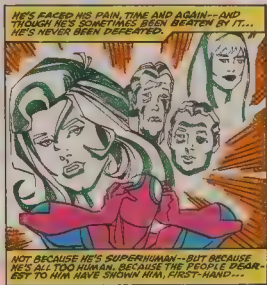
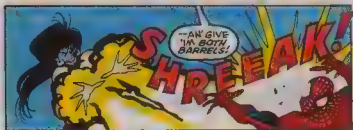
--'CAUSE YOU'RE
GOING STRAIGHT
INTO THE VEG-
O-MATIC--

--FOR SOME
SLICING AND
DICING!

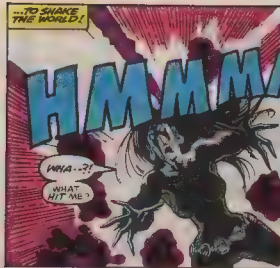
REGRETFUL!
I REALLY
CRASH HIS
CAR!







...TO SHAKE
THE WORLD!



WHA--?!

WHAT
HIT ME?

SO YOU GUYS
FINALLY
GOT HERE --!

I TOLD YOU
I'D BUY US SOME
TIME...

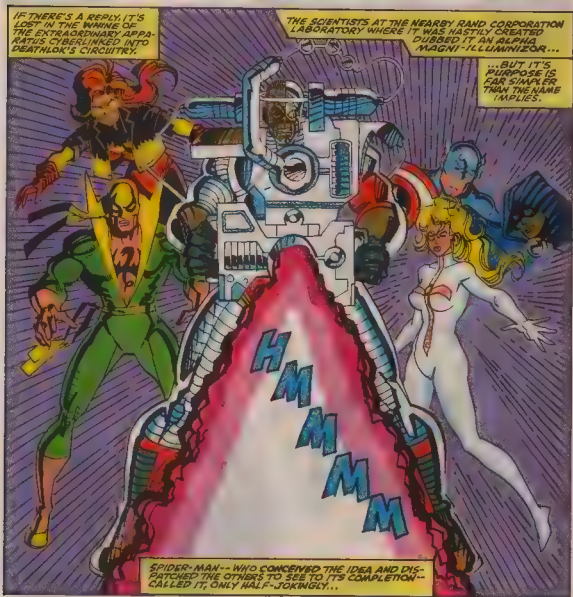


BUT
THIS IS
RIDICULOUS!

IF THERE'S A REPLY, IT'S
LOST IN THE WHIRL OF
THE EXTRAORDINARY APPA-
RATUS CYBERLINKED INTO
DEATHLOK'S CIRCUITRY.

THE SCIENTISTS AT THE NEARBY RAND CORPORATION
LABORATORY WHERE IT WAS HASTILY CREATED
DUBBED IT AN ALPHA
MAGNI-ILLUMINIZOR...

...BUT IT'S
PURPOSE IS
FAR SIMPLER
THAN THE NAME
IMPLIES.



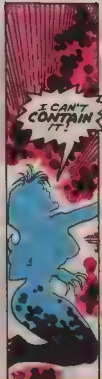
SPIDER-MAN-- WHO CONCEIVED THE IDEA AND DIS-
PATCHED THE OTHERS TO SEE TO ITS COMPLETION--
CALLED IT, ONLY HALF-JOKINGLY...



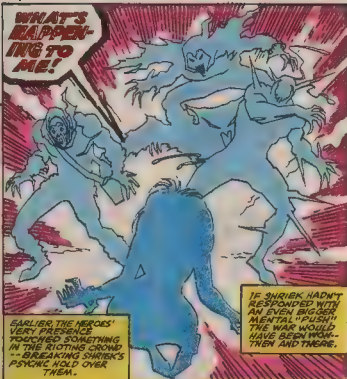
...A "GOOD BOMB."

THIS... THIS ENERGY...

IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME!



I CAN'T CONTAIN IT!



EARLIER, THE HEROES' VERY PRESENCE TOUCHED SOMETHING IN THE RIOTING CROWD -- BREAKING SHRIEK'S PSYCHIC HOLD OVER THEM.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME!

IF SHRIEK HADN'T RESPONDED WITH AN EVEN BIGGER MENTAL "PUSH," THE WAR WOULD HAVE BEEN WON-- THEN AND THERE.

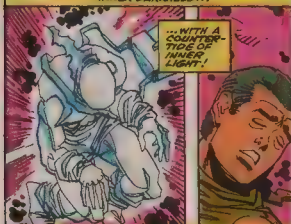
SPIDER-MAN SAW THE SOLUTION THAT HIS ALLIES ENACT EVEN NOW: PUSH BACK--NOT WITH THE SHADOWS OF THE HEART...BUT WITH ALL THAT'S BEST, THAT'S HIGHEST, IN THE HUMAN SPIRIT.



PUSH BACK--WITH THE SAME POWER IRON FIST TAPPED INTO, WHEN HE STILLED THE VIOLENT MOB--THAT DAGGER RELEASED, WHEN SHE SOOTHED THE SOUL OF HER "MURDERER."

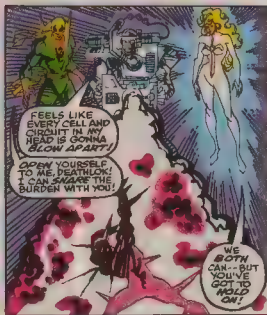
IN SPIDER-MAN #77 --Rog

PUSH BACK--WITH A SOPHISTICATED BIO-FEEDBACK DEVICE THAT AMPLIFIES THE BRAIN'S CALMING ALPHA-WAVES--OVERRIDING SHRIEK'S TIDE OF INNER DARKNESS...



...WITH A COUNTER-TIDE OF INNER LIGHT!

A LIGHT THAT'S HAVING AN ASTONISHING EFFECT ON MALCOLM McBRIDE--DRIVING THE CARRION VIRUS FROM HIS BODY...AND RESTORING HIS HUMANITY!



FEELS LIKE EVERY CELL AND CIRCUIT IN MY HEAD IS GONNA BLOW APART!

OPEN YOURSELF TO ME, DEATHLOK! I CAN SNAKE THE BURDEN WITH YOU!

WE BOTH CAN--BUT YOU'VE GOT TO HOLD ON!

FEELING THE SLIGHTEST
FLUCTUATION IN THE
ALPHA-FIELD--

--DEMOGOBLIN
CONCENTRATES--
USING ALL THE
SUPERNATURAL
POWERS AT HIS
COMMAND--

--TO
BREAK
FREE!

THE TRUTH IS--
HE'S RUNNING
FROM HIM-
SELF.

BUT A LIGHT HAS PIERCED
HIS VEILS OF SELF-DECEPTION
TODAY... ILLUMINATED--NOW-
EVER BRIEFLY--HIS DARK--
HEART... AND, AT LONG LAST--

HE VIEWS HIMSELF AS AN
AGENT OF HEAVEN, HIS
VERY EXISTENCE DEVOTED
TO THE EXTERMINATION
OF SIN.

THUMP

--HE SEES
WHERE THE
SIN TRULY
LIES.

KOOM!

YOU DON'T
THINK I'D
LET YOU GET
AWAY, AFTER
ALL I'VE BEEN
THROUGH
TODAY.

YOU!

I MAY BE
WEAK--
FROM THAT
ABOMINABLE
DEVICE OF
YOURS--

-- BUT
I'VE STILL
GOT STRENGTH
ENOUGH TO--

HE'S DOWN--
AND A GOOD
THING, TOO!

I'M SO
BEATEN UP,
HE COULDN'T
TAKEN ME OUT
JUST BY BREATHING
ON ME!



I-I'M...
STARTING
TO FEEL
LIGHT-
HEADED--
CAN'T THINK
STRAIGHT--!

IT'S CARNAGE!
HE'S FIGHTING
THE WAVE!

YES! I CAN FEEL HIS
MIND TEARING AT US!
DESPERATE... FRIGHTENED!
WE'VE GOT TO END
THIS-- SOON-- OR--

OR
WHAT?



OR HE'LL
TAKE US
ALL DOWN
INTO MAD-
NESS WITH
HIM!

STOP
THEM!

STOP
THEM!

THEY'RE MAKING
ME SEE THINGS...
FEEL THINGS...
THAT I DON'T
WANT TO FEEL!

OH,
GOD...
IT
HURTS!

CARNAGE... IT
WON'T HURT... IF YOU
STOP STRUGGLING
AGAINST IT!

YOU IDIOT!

THERE IS NO
REDEMPTION!

ONLY LIES
AND DEATH
AND--



CAN'T YOU FEEL IT?
THIS IS OUR CHANCE...
TO BE SAVED! TO FIND...
REDEMPTION--

PAIN: IT'S ALL HE
CAN REMEMBER. ALL
HE'S EVER KNOWN.

WITH A SOFT TOUCH,
A KIND WORD. JUST
ABUSE SO AWFUL, SO
EVIL, THAT HE'S BAN-
ISHED IT FROM HIS
CONSCIOUS MIND.

THE LIGHT SHINES INTO EVERY DARK
CORNER OF CARNAGE'S TORTURED
SOUL... OFFERING HEALING, OFFER-
ING HOPE-- BUT, AFTER SO MANY
YEARS OF LIVING IN A PITCH-BLACK
HELL...



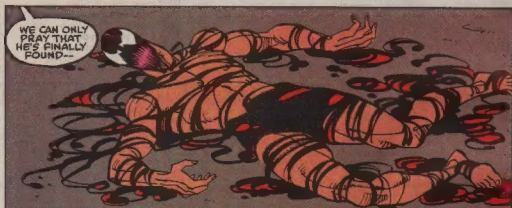
...THESE
CONCEPTS ARE
BEYOND HIS
COMPREHENSION!

CLETUS...
TAKE MY
HAND--!

TOGETHER...
WE CAN FIND--

FA-KA-THOOM!





"--SOME SMALL MEASURE OF PEACE."

CENTRAL PARK.
SUNSET.

...I SHOULD CALL MARY JANE... BUT NOT YET--

I NEED TO BE ALONE FOR A WHILE... DIGEST EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED.

SHRIEK AND THE OTHERS ARE IN CUSTODY. THE GOOD GUYS HAVE WON--

--BUT THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF FIGHT YOU JUST WALK AWAY FROM AND FORGET.

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED SUCH NAKED EVIL! IT ALMOST DEVoured ME... AND THE WHOLE CITY ALONG WITH ME!

IT'S A MIRACLE THAT WE ALL CAME THROUGH WITH OUR SOULS INTACT.

THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO THINK THE WAY CARNAGE DID--

--WHO WANT TO REDUCE ALL OF HUMAN EXISTENCE TO MEANINGLESS VIOLENCE... MEANINGLESS PAIN--





AWWW--
--AIN'T THAT SWEET?

HE MISSES ME!

WELL, DON'T TRY, DADDY DEAREST--

--CAUSE YOUR SONNY BOY --

NO!

--IS ALIVE AND WELL!

YES!

"MAXIMUM CARNAGE"
CONCLUDES IN
SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #2!
ON SALE IN ONE WEEK!
(DO WE REALLY HAVE TO ADVISE
YOU NOT TO MISS IT?)

AND BE HERE IN ONE MONTH
FOR THE RETURN OF THE
SUPER-POWERED
TOMBSTONE!